

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant hereby responds to the Advisory Action of November 8, 2006. Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner stated that the application is not in condition for allowance because the composition of Ireland further containing the resins “known for use in sizing compositions” would still be coating compositions. The argument presented by the Examiner is respectfully traversed for the reasons that follow.

Ireland et al makes a clear distinction between coating compositions:

Although useful in providing molded articles, particularly where filled resin compositions are employed, this method finds little use in coating and sizing applications because of the low melt flow and intractability of the resin. (Ireland et al, col. 2, lines 5-8, emphasis added here).

The use of the word “and” unambiguously conveys the idea that Ireland intended coating applications to be distinct from sizing applications. Ireland et al makes a similar distinction later:

When applied as a sizing or coating, the coated or sized article will then be dried to provide an adherent coating or film comprising polyamide comprising polyamide–amic acid. (Ireland et al, col. 10, lines 55-58, emphasis added here.)

Here the use of the word “or” unambiguously conveys the idea that Ireland intended coating applications to be distinct from sizing applications.

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The distinction is further supported by the fact that Ireland discusses coating applications (col. 9, line 33-Col. 10, line 14) separately from sizing applications (Col. 10, lines 23-54). (Compare, for example, Col. 9, lines 33-35 to Col. 10, lines 22-24).

Ireland et al makes it clear that there are two different types of applications – coating applications and sizing applications. Its discussion of compositions in which there are resins, (such as polyurethanes) present are limited to sizing applications. (Col. 10, lines 40-43). Applicant's inventions are limited to coating compositions. As a result, Ireland neither anticipates nor makes obvious either (1) Applicant's compositions as coating compositions (Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 14-17); or (2) coatings made therefrom (Claim 24).

For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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